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TEUTONS PLOT AGAINST THE U. S.

WAR ALLIANCE OF JAPAN AND MEXICO WAS GERMAN PLAN

WASHINGTON, Thursday, March 1. — Germany's utter perfidy in her dealings with the United States and details of how she attempted to involve America in war with Japan and Mexico, in connection with her submarine campaign, should we object to it, were made public today by permission of the state department.

On January 19, Germany in planning unrestricted warfare, proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan, to make war on the United States should we decide not to remain neutral.

Here follows an exact copy of the instructions to Ambassador Bernstorff as transmitted to him in code by Foreign Minister Zimmerman, with authority of the Imperial German government and the kaiser:

Berlin, January 19, 1917.

Bernstorff:

On first February we intend begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite this our intention to endeavor keep neutral United States of America. If this attempt is not successful we propose alliance on following basis with Mexico:

That we shall make war together and together make peace.

We shall give general financial support and it is understood that Mexico is to reconquer lost territory in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. Details are left to you for settlement.

You are instructed to inform president of Mexico above in greatest confidence as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with United States and suggest that president of Mexico on his own initiative should communicate with Japan, suggesting adherence at once to this plan, and at same time offer to mediate between Germany and Japan.

Please call to attention of president of Mexico that employment ruthless submarine warfare now promises to compel England to make peace in few months.

(Signed) ZIMMERMAN.

A copy of Foreign Minister Zimmerman's instructions to Ambassador Bernstorff and to German Minister von Eckhardt in Mexico City is in the hands of President Wilson.

Japan through Mexico was urged to abandon her allies and join in the attack on the United States.

Mexico for her reward was to receive general financial support from Germany in her war to reconquer Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, mentioned in the instruction to Bernstorff as "lost territory," and to share in the victorious peace terms which Germany contemplated imposing upon her foes.

Details were left to Minister Eckhardt, who by the instructions, signed at Berlin on January 19, was directed to propose the alliance with Mexico to Carranza and to suggest that Mexico seek to bring Japan into the plot.

These instructions were actually transmitted to Minister von Eckhardt by Ambassador Bernstorff, while the ambassador was still here, after the break with Germany.

It is pointed out that Bernstorff, in spite of his actions is now on his way home to Germany under a safe conduct, obtained from his enemies, by American officials against whom he was caught plotting a war.

Germany pictured to Mexico by broad intimation that England and the entente allies were defeated and that Germany and her allies were triumphant, and would obtain a world dominion by the instrument of "unrestricted submarine warfare."

UNITED STATES AGENTS BLOCK SCHEME

WASHINGTON, Thursday, March 1. — Revelations of Germany's plot to unite Mexico and Japan with her for an attack on the United States have stirred the capital to its depths. The greatest credit is given the state department for its generalship in out-manoeuvring the diplomats

ARMY BILL ROAD FUND RESTORED

SENATE ADDS ALASKA

APPROPRIATION, CUT
OFF IN THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Thursday, March 1. — The senate committee on military affairs has added \$37,500,000 to the army appropriation bill, including the \$500,000 fund for the Alaska road commission, for the construction of roads and trails.

A. B. DELEGATES TO GRAND CAMP ARE ELECTED

An election of delegates to the grand camp of the Arctic Brotherhood, was held at the meeting called last night.

Camp Seward, No. 21, will be represented by Senator John Roman and W. P. Henry, while Attorney L. V. Ray and Calvin M. Brosius were named as delegates at large.

The grand camp will meet on March 6, at Juneau. Senator Roman being already there will probably receive the proxies of the other delegates unless some of them decide to go on the next boat.

POSTAL BILL AND BONE-DRY CLAUSE A "GO"

WASHINGTON, March 1. — Conferees who have the postal appropriation bill under advisement have finally agreed upon the report, virtually assuring the passage of the Reed "bone dry" amendment, barring the shipment of liquor into prohibition states.

of the kaiser, and to the American agents who procured a copy of the Zimmerman instructions.

Lansing has authorized the statement that he did not believe that Japan had any knowledge of the plot and that he felt confident that Mexico would not be a party to any such agreement.

It is intimated on high authority that Zimmerman's letter never reached President Carranza, and being intercepted it was never passed on to Japan.

Lansing stated that "so far as the German plot is concerned we know that it is in every way true, but we cannot make public all of the details by which we came into possession of the Zimmerman cable for fear of endangering lives of our informants."

ASK FOR DETAILS

WASHINGTON, Thursday, March 1. — Favorable report was ordered this afternoon by the foreign relations committee, on a resolution introduced by Senator Lodge at the convening of the senate, calling on the president to furnish information compatible with with public interest regarding the Zimmerman note.

The committee struck out a provision in which Lodge asked that the senate call on the president for information as to when the Zimmerman

letter came into the possession of the United States.

URGE RETALIATION

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Thursday, March 1. — Ninety-eight students of the university have sent a joint telegram to President Wilson, urging him to retaliate and avenge the sinking of the liners Lusitania and Laconia.

Ed. Crawford and wife left Portland, Oregon, today enroute to Seward.

Turnagain Arm Work Be Pushed on Both Ends

Work along Turnagain arm is to be pushed from both ends this summer, according to an announcement just made by the Alaskan engineering commission.

No particular point will be designated as the goal from either end, each district engineer having instructions to do as much as possible and cooperate in the matter of distribution of supplies.

Advices from Seattle this morning state that bids were called for today for 12,000,000 feet of bridge timbers and heavy construction lumber in addition to 1,000,000 already ordered for the Seward division and contracts previously let for material for other divisions. Details as to the destination of the latest order were not given out.

No further statement has been made as to the time by which the line between Seward and Anchorage will be completed but it is evident from preliminary preparations that the work will be driven ahead at the fastest gait possible.

Reports from along the line show that snow conditions are favorable and that the line can be opened as soon after the bridges on this end are rebuilt as occasion may demand.

WICK WINS VOTE OF CANVASSING BOARD

JUNEAU, Thursday, March 1. — The official count is, Wickersham 6,490, Sulzer 6,459. Wickersham's plurality 31.

Disregarding the ruling of Atty. General Grigsby that the Australian ballot law is mandatory and votes from certain precincts were not legal, the canvassing board voted today to count all ballots and give the certificate of election to Wickersham for delegate. Governor Strong and Secretary Davidson voted "aye" and Collector of Customs Pugh "no" on the question, agreeing not to issue the certificate of election until tomorrow and thus permit initiation of injunction proceedings.

ALAMEDA HAS HUNDRED AND TWENTY THREE

The Alameda sailed from Seattle today, for the following passengers, for Seward:

Frank Parrish, R. Brown, Adolph Sankela, E. Makila, A. Eide and wife, John Nari and wife, Ed. Maki, Adolph Sari, S. Amkila, F. Smith, Frank Kern, C. Shatia, O. Nichovich, Wuko Klaech, J. Loranger, J. Jarde, F. Boyd, J. Ownes, F. Haney, W. Mayfield, Gregor Klein, Carl Tydeck, Lester Johnson, Arthur Quurgeon, Paul Drouin, Nels Telnas, Besso Bekoff, D. Temiraef, Harry Haloff, Clarence Fey, Peter Daly, W. James and wife, Gene Toboloff, Charles Gerhart, S. Gates, and eighty-two steerage.

SIX MEMBERS OF I. W. W. TURN ON FELLOWS

EVERETT, Wash., Thursday, Mar. 1. — Half a dozen of the 74 I. W. W. members who will be tried Monday for murder in connection with the Everett riots, have turned state's evidence.

GERMANS ABANDON BAPAUME

RETIREMENT ON WEST
MAYBE A PLAN TO
DRAW FIELD BATTLE

PARIS, Thursday, March 1. — German troops are falling back today to a line behind Bapaume, the goal of the tremendous attacks launched by the British forces in the west, according to reports from aeroplane scouts.

The fall of Bapaume is imminent but so far no advance has been made, the allies taking great care to avoid being led into a trap while following up this retreat, which is apparently being made for strategic purposes.

SEE CHANGE OF CAMPAIGN

GENEVA, Thursday, March 1. — Although the withdrawal of German forces on the Ancre and Bapaume sectors may signify the abandonment of tactically unfavorable projections of the German line at this point, another explanation is offered by Americans who just come to Switzerland after a prolonged stay at Berlin.

They say that the Germans realize that vast quantities of ammunition have been prepared to blow them out of their trenches, and that the present retirement may be the beginning of a regrouping of the Teutonic forces in the west with the intention of bringing on a decisive "open field engagement to settle the fate of the war."

Such a plan would, if carried out, make useless vast preparations by the allies for a continuation of trench warfare and would force them to hastily organize methods of field transport to keep moving batteries supplied with ammunition.

COMMISSION NAMES NEW STOREKEEPER

W. S. Kennedy of the accounting department has been appointed storekeeper for the Seward division of the U. S. R. R. to succeed Clyde D. Moyer, who has been transferred to the Anchorage division.

BOATS AND TRAINS

The Northwestern is due tonight at 11 o'clock.

The Alameda sailed from Seattle today for Seward and way ports.

The Admiral Watson is due in Cordova today.

The train left yesterday morning for Mile 40 at 8:30 o'clock.

THE WEATHER

Yesterday.
Maximum 38
Minimum 32
Current 34
Weather Cloudy
Wind South
WEATHER TOMORROW
Unsettled, increasing winds and warmer.